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EVEN ENOUGH TO WANT TO KILL HIM.
...
JUST ONE THING AND YOU'LL END UP HATING HIM MORE THAN YOU WOULD A TOTAL STRANGER...
....BUT YEAH, HAVING A DAD IS STRANGE.
SORT OF.
HUH?
DO YOU GET ALONG WITH YOUR DAD?
HA HA... WELL, THEN, I'M HEADING OFF TO WORK.
I GUESS THAT DOESN'T SOUND TOO CONVINCING COMING FROM ME, THOUGH.
DO YOUR BEST TO STAY CLOSE

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THEY'RE MORE MANAGER-ISH, DON'T YOU THINK?
PLUS, SUGAI-SAN IS PRETTY HIGH-STRUNG ...
OH, THESE ?
HM ... WHY THE GLOVES ?
HUH. YOU'RE BEING CONSIDER-ATE, IN YOUR OWN WAY.
SHE MAKES ME GO OUT AND BUY LOTS OF STUFF FOR HER, SO I FIGURED THIS IS BETTER THAN TOUCHING IT ALL WITH MY BARE HANDS...
PHEW ...

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SHE'S ON EDGE, AS USUAL...
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GO GET ME A COFFEE, KUROKI.
OH... YES, MA'AM! WOULD YOU LIKE ICED OR HOT?
"IN THIS INDUSTRY, MOST SUICIDES ARE ACTUALLY MURDERS."
"SHE MIGHT KILL HERSELF."
...
WHAT?!
STOMP
WHO'D DRINK HOT COFFEE AT THIS TIME OF YEAR?!
USE YOUR HEAD!
YES, MA'AM
SHE WAS DRINKING IT HOT UP UNTIL LAST WEEK!
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SUGAI-SAMA WAITING ROOM

IS MY JOB GOING TO BE LIKE THIS FOREVER?
JUST THINKING ABOUT IT IS ENOUGH TO GIVE ME AN ULCER.
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SHE WAS GRINDING HER FOOT INTO MINE AS HARD AS SHE COULD!
YOU COULD BREAK SOMEONE'S TOES LIKE THAT.
KNOCK KNOCK
IT'S TIME, SUGAI-SAN!
COMING!
WHAT'S WITH THAT LOOK? IF YOU'VE GOT ANY COMPLAINTS, THEN OUT WITH IT.
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GLARE
NO, IT'S NOTHING!
AND THEN SHE'S LIKE THIS TO PEOPLE AT THE STATION!

WHAT A BITCH!
SHE DESERVES A LITTLE SCARE TO TEACH HER A LESSON.
THE PAIN IN MY HAND IS MOSTLY GONE NOW.
MAN ...
I'M FINALLY FREE OF THAT DEMON...
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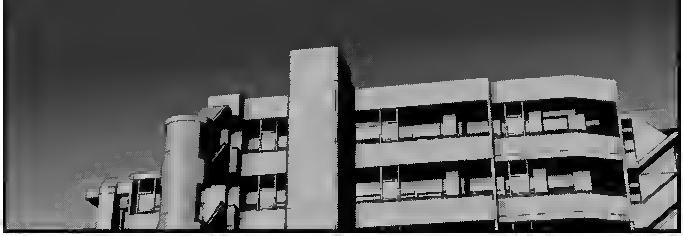
YOU IDIOT ...



I'M SLOWLY STARTING TO GET IT...
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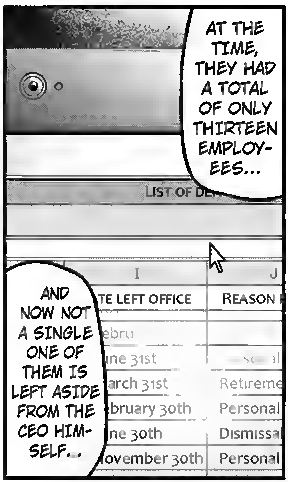
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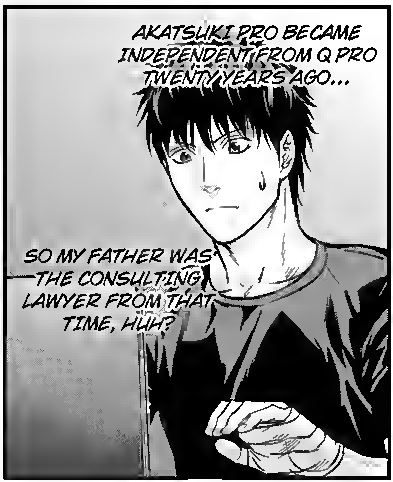
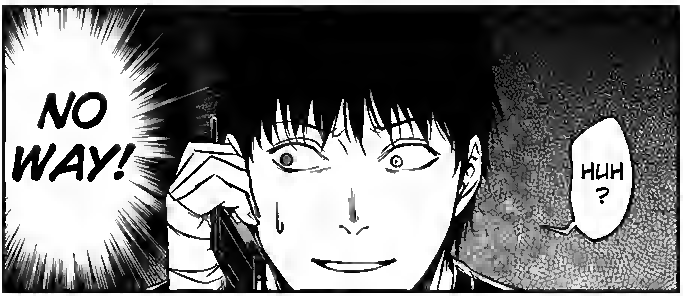
AND NOW NOT A SINGLE ONE OF THEM IS LEFT ASIDE FROM THE CEO HIM-SELF...


AKATSUKI PRO BECAME INDEPENDENT FROM Q PRO TWENTY YEARS AGO...
SO MY FATHER WAS THE CONSULTING LAWYER FROM THAT TIME, HUH?

AND WHEN THE COMPANY WAS ESTABLISHED, THEY HAD THREE MEN IN UPPER MANAGEMENT...
TWO OF THEM ARE DEAD.
THE ONLY ONE STILL LIVING IS A MAN NAMED GOTOU WHO LIVES IN KAMATA.
HE'S ALMOST SEVENTY...
FWUMP
STING
OW!
SO HE'S OLDER THAN THE CEO, HUH?

BZZZ...
I'VE NEVER DONE ANYTHING LIKE THAT BEFORE...
I WONDER IF THAT OLD GUY I PUNCHED IS OKAY?
THAT DAY... I COULDN'T HOLD MYSELF BACK AT ALL.
BZZZ...
...?
BZZZ...
H-HOW ARE YOU, SIR?
SORRY FOR CALLING SO LATE AT NIGHT.
HEY, KUROKI? IT'S ME.
CHIEF YOSHIDA!



WHAT?! WHY?! KOUTAROU IS BAFFLED BY THIS UNBELIEVABLE REVELATION!